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Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" If so, when and how much, Sir ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is a separate question."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether Government have issued any instructions to local bodies to give preference so as to see that wells for depressed classes should be provided since they suffer very much ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" They were requested to consider the claims of the depressed classes."

Mr. R VEERIAN :—" May I know whether Government are aware that local bodies are asking for half the amount of contribution for sinking wells from the depressed classes in the locality in which the well is wanted ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The general condition laid down was that, whenever a grant is made to local bodies, the local bodies concerned should make a contribution of 50 per cent of the grant. That was the case in regard to this grant of Rs. 12½ lakhs for water-supply."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" I am only asking the hon. Minister why the local boards are demanding half the amount for sinking wells for the depressed classes if they wanted wells in any locality. Is it not the duty of the local boards to sink wells for them whether they contribute or not ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The local bodies have to pay an equal amount, and it is left to local bodies to finance water-supply either themselves or to get a portion from others."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" In that case, no wells can be sunk for the use of the depressed classes. May I know whether the Government will sympathetically consider the matter and issue instructions not to take any contributions from the depressed classes since they have no funds at all ? "

Religious and Charitable Endowments.

Communal representation in the appointment of Commissioners to the Religious Endowments Board.

2373 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether communal representation is observed in the appointment of Commissioners to the Religious Endowments Board ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to his question No. 2034.

Roads and Communications.

Toll-gates on Alur-Guntakal road.

* 2374 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total length of the Alur Goods Shed road and the Kasapuram road, Anantapur district, respectively, on each of which a ' Main ' toll-gate is said to be established ;